

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 384
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A RESOLUTION to designate a certain bridge in Lewis County as the "Bill Patton Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary citizens who during their lifetimes contributed significantly to the continued growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Bill Patton, a voice of integrity and probity, was most assuredly one such citizen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patton was the very epitome of a good neighbor and friend; he truly enjoyed making new acquaintances and working and socializing with his fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, a devoted outdoorsman, Bill Patton loved hunting, fishing and trapping, and he also enjoyed working with bees as a hobby; and

WHEREAS, he proudly and courageously served his country as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces during the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, the son of Luke and Thelma Patton, Bill Patton had one brother, our most distinguished colleague, Representative Bob Patton; and

WHEREAS, Bill Patton shared many years of marital bliss with his beloved wife, the former Inos Staggs, and this loving couple's blessed union produced five exemplary children:

Randy Patton, Lorinda Patton Rochell, Lowanda Patton Helm, Larry Patton and Dalton Patton;
and

WHEREAS, throughout all his meritorious endeavors, Bill Patton exemplified the generous and compassionate spirit that is characteristic of the Volunteer State, and his life of purpose and commitment should be appropriately commemorated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the bridge on State Route 99 immediately south of Riverside over Allen's Creek in Lewis County is hereby designated the "Bill Patton Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Bill Patton Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.